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In re application of: Jerome SOUPPE, et al

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MALTSEED

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**Commissioner Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of November 6, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 20, delete paragraph at lines 11 - 23 and rewrite as follows:

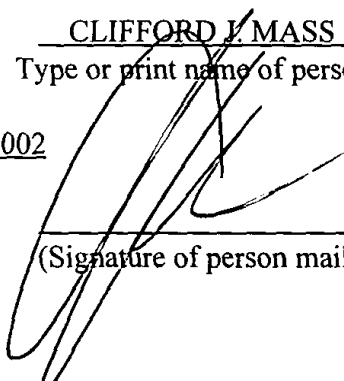
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